

**Auburn City Council  
Work Session Meeting  
Thursday, February 13, 2014 6:00PM  
City Council Chambers  
Memorial City Hall  
24 South St.  
Auburn, NY 13021**

**Minutes**

The meeting of the Auburn City Council was called to order at 6:00PM in the City Council Chambers 24 South St. Auburn NY by Mayor Michael Quill.

**Roll Call** – The City Clerk called the roll. Councilor McCormick, Camardo, Cuddy, Ruzicka and Mayor Quill were all present.

**The following City Staff was present:**

- City Manager, Doug Selby
- Corporation Counsel, John Rossi
- City Clerk, Charles Mason
- Director of Engineering, Bill Lupien
- Director of Capital Projects and Grants, Christina Selvek
- Chief Water Plant Operator, Anthony DeCaro

**Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag** - Mayor Quill led the Pledge of Allegiance.

**Moment of Silent Prayer or Reflection** - Mayor Quill asked for a moment of silent prayer.

**Public to be Heard –**

- Former City Councilor Gilda Brower, 40 Grover St.  
Councilor Brower spoke to announce that the Owasco Lake Watershed Association would be holding a “State of the Lake” seminar on Saturday, March 1, 2014 from 9am-12:30 at the Bisgrove Auditorium at Cayuga Community College.
- Katie Macintyre, 1 Bellevue Place  
Ms. Macintyre spoke regarding the recent experience she had regarding the replacement of the water meter at her house with In Line services and a follow up letter she received from the City.
- Jeff Sorenson, 12 Woodruff Place  
Mr. Sorenson spoke regarding a letter he had recently received regarding the City’s new Vacant Property Registry. Mr. Sorenson recently purchased a vacant property next to where he lives and is currently restoring the property. He questioned the intent of the Vacant Housing Registry and the fees associated with

registering vacant properties.

- The Mayor then asked the Council for consent to allow the City Manager to address the resident concerns as presented. City Manager Selby then addressed the water meter replacement issues. Corporation Counsel Rossi then addressed the Vacant Building Registry program.

**Approval of Meeting Minutes:**

A. February 6, 2014, City Council meeting minutes.

Motion to approve by Councilor Camardo, seconded by Councilor McCormick .

The motion carried 5-0. Councilors McCormick, Camardo, Cuddy, Ruzicka, and Mayor Quill all voting aye.

**Presentations and Proclamations –**

**The following presentations were made before Council:**

A. Seymour Library Presentation by Lisa Carr, Director of the Seymour Library

B. Franklin Street Water Transmission Line Replacement Update by Martin Willix of Erdman Anthony, with assistance from Bill Lupien, Director of Engineering

C. Water System Capital Projects Presentation- by Christine Selveck, Capital Improvement Program Manager and Anthony DeCaro, Water Filtration Plant Manager

**Public Announcements – None**

**City Manager's Report -** The City Manager reported:

- On the issue of cloudy tap water being reported earlier in the day throughout the City. This was due to the work being done on the water valve at the Arterial near the Inn of the Finger Lakes. He asked Anthony Decaro, Chief Water Treatment Plant Operator to elaborate. The work being done caused disruption to water flows and water pressure in some areas of the City. The water was safe and Mr. DeCaro will be following up by checking with residents that had issues.

**State Environmental Quality Review Act Resolutions (SEQR) – None**

**Ordinances –**

**Bond Ordinance #1 of 2014**

The Clerk read the first reading of Bond Ordinance #1 of 2014 Authorizing the Issuance of \$3,400,000 Serial Bonds for the City Water Supply and Distribution System. This bond ordinance will appear on the Council's February 20, 2014 agenda for a vote.

**Resolutions – None**

**Local Law- None**

**Tabled Legislation- None**

**Other Business**

- A. Budget discussion by the City Manager. The City Manager reviewed his budget presentation schedule and stated he would like for the Council to schedule some additional budget work sessions for the month of March to review individual department budgets and proposals.
- B. Manager reported on his recent trip to the State New York Conference of Mayors (NYCOM) Conference which was also attended by Mayor Quill and Councilor McCormick. The Manager provided an overview of Governor Cuomo's proposed State budget and the potential implications of some proposed programs contained in his budget. The Manager stated that these proposals now have to make it through the legislative review of the State budget in Albany. Also, the City would have an opportunity to apply for the State's Financial Restructuring Board for Distressed Local Governments program. Members of Council expressed interest in doing this.
- C. Councilor Ruzicka provided a presentation on a State report that he feels explains tax levy and tax rate in a very user-friendly manner.
- D. Councilor McCormick cautioned that the Council needs to be careful with information its presents publically at Council meetings.
- E. Councilor Camardo asked the City Manager questions about the fill being removed from the Hoopes Park pond. He wanted to know if the City would look into using the fill for the old Dunn & McCarthy site and at the City landfill.
- F. Executive Session. Council voted to enter an executive session regarding matters pertaining to:
  - 1. contract negotiations (NYS Public Officers Law, Article 7 §105-e. collective negotiations pursuant to article fourteen of the civil service law), andMotion to enter an executive session was made by Councilor Camardo , seconded by Councilor Cuddy. The motion carried 5-0. Councilors McCormick, Camardo, Cuddy, Ruzicka, and Mayor Quill all voting aye. Council entered into executive session at 8:35 p.m.

Council returned from executive session and by unanimous vote adjourned the meeting. The meeting was adjourned at 8:50 p.m.

Minutes submitted to the City Council on February 14, 2014 by:

Charles Mason  
City Clerk

On February 20, 2014 a motion to approve the minutes of the February 13, 2014 Auburn, NY City Council meeting was made by Councilor Camardo, seconded by Councilor McCormick.

	Ayes	Noes
Councilor McCormick	x	
Councilor Camardo	x	
Councilor Cuddy	x	
Councilor Ruzicka	x	
Mayor Quill	x	
Carried and Adopted	x	

*I do hereby certify that the foregoing is a correct copy of the minutes of the proceedings of the City Council of the City of Auburn, N.Y., at a regular meeting thereof, held in the Council Chambers, Memorial City Hall, in said city, on the 13th day of February, 2014 and that the City Council approved such by the vote listed above.*

*Charles Mason, City Clerk*

*Date: February 21, 2014*